# FOREST TRAILS AND LANDINGS

## PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

**FOREST TRAILS AND LANDINGS -**
Laying out, constructing, and using
forest trails and landings.

## PRACTICE INFORMATION
Forest trails and landings are installed prior to
a scheduled harvest to provide a location to
assemble and transport harvested logs. The
conservation objective is to minimize onsite and
offsite damage to the other natural resources.

Planning and application of this practice
requires the following considerations:
1. Timing and use of equipment will be
   planned so that site productivity is
   maintained and soil disturbance is held to a
   minimum.
2. Slash, debris and vegetative material left
   onsite should not present an unacceptable
   fire or pest hazard.
3. Water bars, dips and other drainage
   measures for trails should be properly
   designed.
4. Trails and landings need to be seeded to
   grass to help control erosion
5. Consider planting vegetation that provides
   wildlife food and cover
6. Trails and landings should be located to
   preserve the aesthetic quality of the area.
7. Police trails and landings to remove refuge
   and garbage.
8. Consider closing the trails after harvest to
   help control erosion and reduce
   maintenance costs.

Additional information including design criteria
and specifications are on file in the local NRCS
Field Office Technical Guide.